

Comment on the Department of Energy's Recommendation of the Yucca Mountain Site



My comments on the Yucca Mountain Project are as follows:

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- ☒ Decision documents are incomplete without a full analysis of transportation impacts. SEP 19 2001
- ☒ All spent fuel disposal alternatives should be thoroughly studied prior to a site recommendation decision.
- ☒ A "flexible" set of evolving design scenarios with variable operational modes is insufficient for a suitability decision.
- ☒ The design should contain waste within the repository as long as it remains hazardous to people and the environment.
- ☒ A site recommendation should not be made until the comments made by the public on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement have been adequately addressed and released for public review.

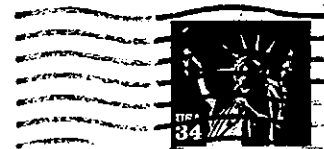
☒ Other Sacred Sites are protected. Yucca Mountain is sacred to Native Americans. Native Americans do not wish nuclear waste to be deposited at Yucca Mountain. The government's job is to enforce that
Comments: sacred sites will remain protected (rather than making them into a dump!).

The Department of Energy has released the *Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation* for a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain for public review and comment. This is the final opportunity citizens will have to voice their concerns before the Secretary of Energy makes his recommendation to the president. DOE is required to consider all comments submitted regarding the impacts of building and operating a repository, including transportation.

My comments are: see attached

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Fold, tape, and MAIL your comments to the address above.

FAX your comments to DOE: 1-800-967-0739.

Or, comment by E-MAIL: YMP_SR@ymp.gov.

Deadline:
Comments must be received by
Thursday, September 20, 2001

DOE: Please add my comments to the official record. Here is my name, address, and signature

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- ❖ The DOE is basing its methods of waste management on man-made structures that they hope may last 10,100 years. Do you know of any man-made structure that has existed for 10,000 years? And who is going to count the years? No one, who today makes the decision, can be responsible. No one lives that long.
- ❖ Before nuclear waste can be deposited at Yucca Mountain, it has to get there. For the proposed Yucca Mountain repository the transportation comes first. THE TRANSPORTATION ISSUE NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH FIRST!
- ❖ The more radioactive waste moves around, the more radioactivity will leak out into the environment. Radioactive waste should not be moved. It should be deposited where it is produced.
- ❖ Yucca Mountain is sacred to Native Americans. Sacred sites are to be protected. It's the government's job to enforce the protection of sacred sites – rather than turning them into a dump.

Sincerely,



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